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Not your grandma's graduation

- With commencements in full swing, local colleges are encouraging grads to tweet from their seats
- Organizers: Goal is to engage audience {page 02}

▶ Tufts University graduate Jihye Woo uses her phone during commencement yesterday.

Sports

7-foot Hollins a big addition for Celtics

- Backup center has become vital part of C's playoff run
- Celtics look to take control of series in Game 5 {pages 17-18}

'Everybody Dies' on final 'House'

As the doctors depart after eight seasons, will the end be as grim as we think? {page 11}

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- Live-tweeting events makes commencement more interactive
- Suffolk, BU and Tufts grads share graduation stories via social media

Not more than a decade ago, students dressed in caps and gowns were forced to sit silently and sweat in the blazing sun as guest speakers offered words of wisdom to graduating college seniors during commencement.

But during the celebrations of several of Boston's newest graduating classes on Sunday, the ceremonies were far more interactive.

With the flood of social media platforms available at peoples' fingertips, officials from Suffolk and Boston University, as well as Tufts, took full advantage of connecting the audience with their respective events.

"You used to tell people to leave their phones at home because basically, your participation was passive. What has changed, in a great way ... is that the audience is now integrated as part of an event like this," said George T. Comeau, director of digital and interactive communications at Suffolk University.

Comeau said this year's commencement had the most technology involved since he started working at the school in 1987.

"[We] have to look at where technology is going and direct how it is going to help us tell stories," said Comeau about Suffolk's use of Twitter, Facebook, FourSquare and Storify yesterday.

Much like Suffolk's integration of social media, officials at Boston University used hashtags to engage both the families and the students at commencement.

"We share things, whether photos or musings going on," said Tom Testa, assistant vice president of public relations at BU. "Given that everyone is online and everything is on peoples' handhelds, it's another way for people to connect."

Testa said this is especially helpful for family and friends across the country, unable to be in Boston yesterday.

"It's a better way to give it that personal touch," he said.

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Staying connected at Suffolk

- Students could check in for special commencement badge on Four Square
- Text messages could be sent to a special screen seen by students as they graduated.
- The staff spent time retweeting student messages and family messages using the hashtag #Suffolk2012
- By 10:40 a.m. yesterday, Suffolk was trending on Twitter

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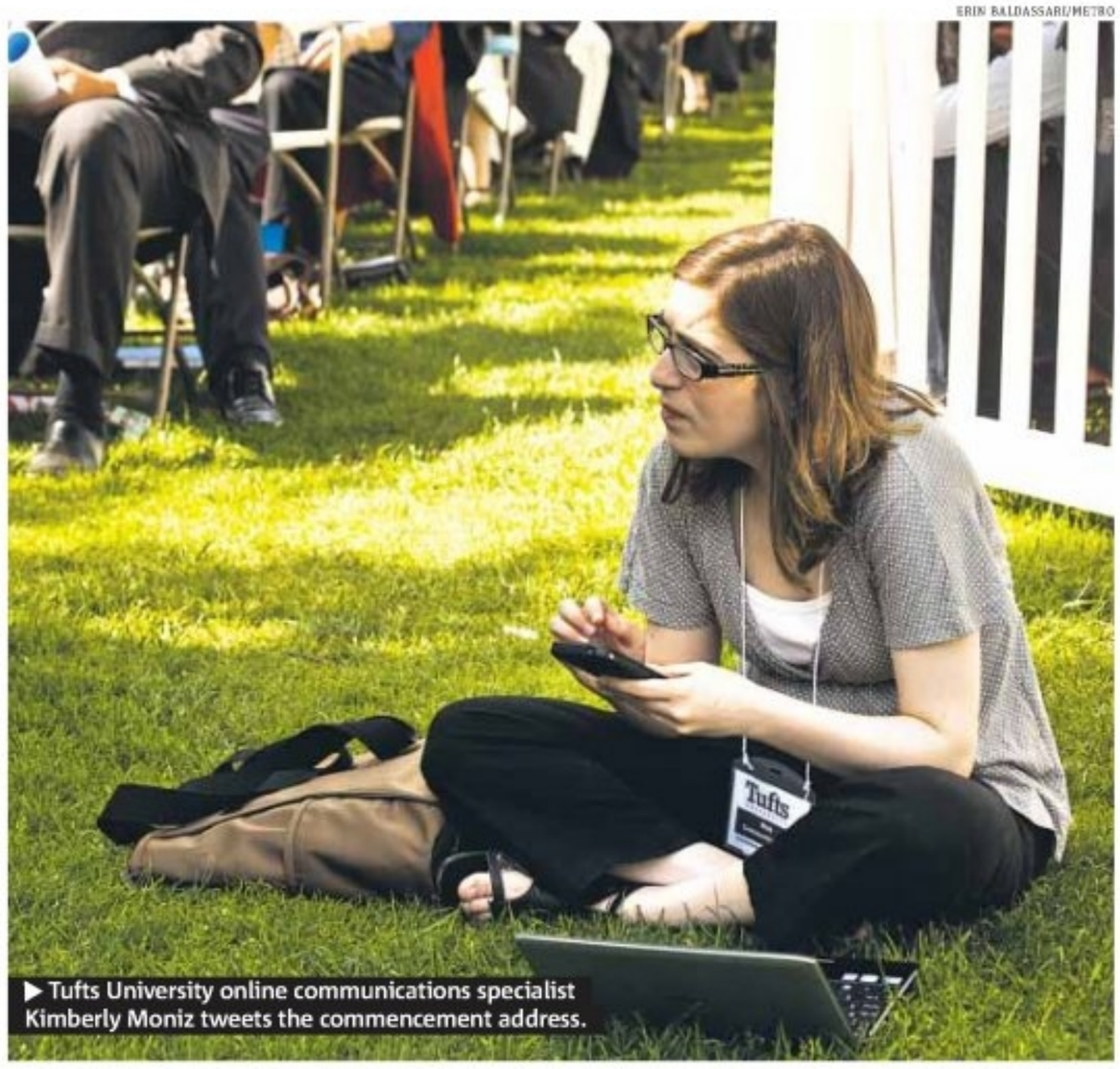

▶ Tufts University online communications specialist Kimberly Moniz tweets the commencement address.

On Twitter

Students all over the Bay State turned to Twitter to tell their graduation stories yesterday.

- **@stephanieb93:** I love how Twitter is keeping me up to date with everything in today's graduation. Thanks @DeanElmore and @BU_Tweets! & congrats to #BU2012!
- **@StudioSpacCadet:** Leonard Nimoy (Spock)was honored at the BU commencement ceremony. He did Vulcan hand sign to the audience. I saw Spock. It's chill. #BU2012
- **@DeanElmore:** Eric Schmidt works it at #BU2012 Commencement. Talks of transitions in generations & dares Terriers to lead with heart #keepingmymobileon
- **@LaurielOcampo:** To my friends in the class of #Tufts2012. Congrats! It was a long road and I'll miss you all and I hope you guys get. It.
- **@sdouillette:** Just landed at Logan in time to watch @Suffolk_U commencement live while waiting for bags. I love technology. Congrats Grads! #suffolk2012
- **@SaudPrime:** #suffolk2012 Tweeting you all the way from Saudi Arabia, Say hi to my friend Khalid Alsudairy. He's graduating today. Much Love. AYWAN!

In the news

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Amount the city of Cambridge paid to resolve a discrimination suit brought by two women. According to Boston.com, the payment was for a settlement in a workplace discrimination case with two former city employees.The information was not disclosed to the public until an editor from Wicked Local Cambridge requested it. METRO

Today's local tweet

"I bet it's good to be an #mbta repairman. Job security for life! The trains and busses [sic] are broken more often than they're running."

@LEEPEARD ON THE PROSPECT OF HAVING A GIG WITH THE MBTA, SINCE THERE ALWAYS SEEMS TO BE SOMETHING TO FIX.

Roof of T bus sheared off in bridge accident

WESTWOOD. The top of an MBTA bus was torn off as the driver tried to steer the vehicle under a bridge in Westwood during the weekend.

According to MBTA officials the bus was empty except for the driver.

The bus was one of the T's eco-friendly models with natural gas tanks housed on the top of the vehicle.

While there were no reported injuries when the roof was torn around 3:15 p.m. Saturday, the bridge damaged the tanks, prompting the evacuation of a nearby grocery store.

An MBTA official said the bus was being used as a shuttle for planned work on the Commuter Rail.

Officials said the incident is under investigation. METRO

PARKER HARRINGTON

▶ No one was injured.

Cops nab murder suspect

BOSTON. Police apprehended a suspect over the weekend in connection with a man that was killed in Jamaica Plain in April.

According to police reports, officers arrested and charged Charles Reddicks, 18, of Boston in the shooting death of Mariano Malave.

Malave, 25, of Boston, was found inside his home on April 27, suffering from gunshot wounds.

Reddicks is charged with murder, unlawful possession of a firearm and the unlawful possession of ammunition, according to police.

Authorities said the arrest was based on "witness statements, cellular and telephonic records, and video evidence" that suggests Malave was shot in the course of a large drug transaction, according to reports. METRO

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Special train to honor fallen troops

A special passenger coach train covered in commemorative decorations will roll through the Hub during a ceremony to honor the fallen war heroes from Massachusetts.

The unveiling and launch of the "Gold Star" commuter rail passenger coach on Wednesday will feature the names of soldiers, marines, sailors and airmen from Massachusetts "who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom," according to officials from the Massachusetts Bay commuter Rail, the company contracted by the T to run commuter trains in the state.

The train will be at the South Station concourse early in the morning, decked out and shrink-wrapped with 136 gold stars that include the names of each fallen soldier.

According to a press release from MBCR, the memorial coach will be integrated into every commuter rail line traveling across the entire MBTA system "as a reminder of our fallen heroes and their sacrifice and dedication to us all."

Lt. Gov. Tim Murray, MassDOT Secretary Rich Davey, T interim General Manager Jon Davis and officials from the MBCR will be at the celebratory occasion this week as the train rolls into one of Boston's busiest stations.

Families of the military personnel have also been invited to be present as the special train is unveiled.

If you go

- **What:** Unveiling and launch of Gold Star commuter rail passenger coach
- **When:** Wednesday, May 23, 10:30 A.M.
- **Where:** South Station

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Hub artwork is hitting the big screen

BOSTON. A handful of new artwork will be on display in South Boston, but you don't have to be on location to see the artists' work featured.

Boston Cyberarts and the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority joined forces for "Art on the Marquee," an ongoing project to commission public media art for display on an 80-foot-tall multi-screen LED screen outside the Boston Convention Center.

The art pieces will be interspersed with BCEC content from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

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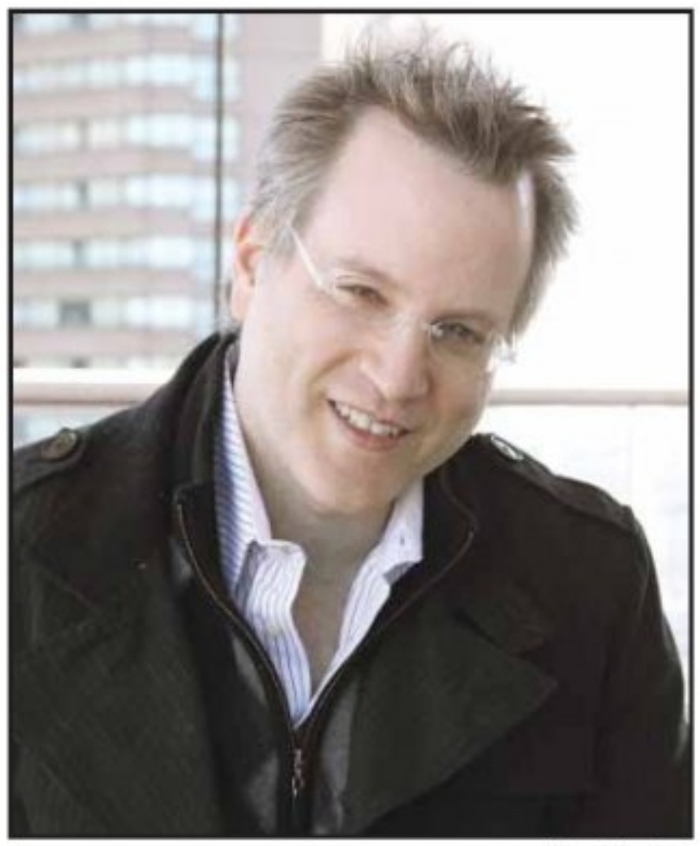

Ben Mezrich

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Join a conversation and Q&A with Ben Mezrich, author and creator of his own highly addictive genre of nonfiction. Two of his most successful books, "Bringing Down the House: The Inside Story of Six M.I.T. Students Who Took Vegas for Millions" and "The Accidental Billionaires: The Founding of Facebook, a Tale of Sex, Money, Genius and Betrayal" were adapted into movies, "21" and "The Social Network".

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Lockerbie bomber dies of cancer at 60

Abdel Basset al-Megrahi, the Libyan convicted of the 1988 bombing of a PanAm flight over Lockerbie, died of cancer yesterday at age 60, leaving many questions on the attack and its aftermath unanswered.

Megrahi, who said he was not responsible for bringing the jumbo jet down on the Scottish town and killing 270 people, was found guilty in 2001 but was freed in 2009 and returned to Libya because he had terminal cancer and was not expected to live long.

Megrahi's brother Mohammed told Reuters he had died at his home in the Libyan capital from complications from prostate cancer and the funeral would take place today.

"He was too sick to utter anything on his deathbed," another brother, Abdulhakim, said. "Just because Abdul Basset is dead doesn't mean the past is now erased," he said. "We will always tell the world that my brother was innocent."

▶ Megrahi

The decision by officials in Scotland to return Megrahi to Libya angered relatives of many victims, 189 of whom were American, and was criticized by Washington as Megrahi returned to a hero's welcome from Muammar Gaddafi.

That he survived for nearly three more years, outliving Gaddafi, who was overthrown last year, caused discomfort in Britain. Prime Minister David Cameron, visiting the United States yesterday, said Megrahi should never have been freed.

Scottish leader Alex Salmond said his death confirmed his medical condition had been serious. "Mr Megrahi's death ends one chapter of the Lockerbie case, but it does not close the book," he said, noting Scottish lawyers were seeking other suspects.

Megrahi, the only person convicted for the bombing, was found guilty under Scots law of secretly loading a suitcase bomb onto a plane at Malta's Luqa Airport, where he was head of operations for Libyan Arab Airlines in December 1988. **REUTERS**

Italy. Earthquake

▶ The 6.0 magnitude quake struck at 4:04 a.m.

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Historic buildings damaged

A strong earthquake in northern Italy killed at least six people, injured dozens and damaged historic buildings including a famed medieval castle early yesterday. The damage is the greatest loss to Italy's artistic heritage since an earthquake in 1997 ravaged the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi. **REUTERS**

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▶ Gibb

Bee Gees singer Robin Gibb dies

LONDON. Robin Gibb, who with his brothers Barry and Maurice formed the disco-era hit machine the Bee Gees, has died aged 62, his official website said yesterday.

The singer had been battling colon and liver cancers.

"The family of Robin Gibb, of the Bee Gees, announce with great sadness that Robin passed away today following his long battle with cancer and intestinal surgery," a statement posted on his official website said.

"The family have asked that their privacy is respected at this very difficult time."

The Bee Gees achieved superstardom in the 1960s and 1970s with a string of catchy love ballads and disco hits including "Stayin' Alive," "How Deep Is Your Love" and "Night Fever." **REUTERS**

Anti-NATO rally begins in Chicago

CHICAGO. Thousands of protesters, some dressed as clowns and others bearing anti-war signs, gathered yesterday in a lakefront park in the biggest test yet for Chicago police trying to keep the peace as world leaders began meeting for a two-day NATO summit. **REUTERS**

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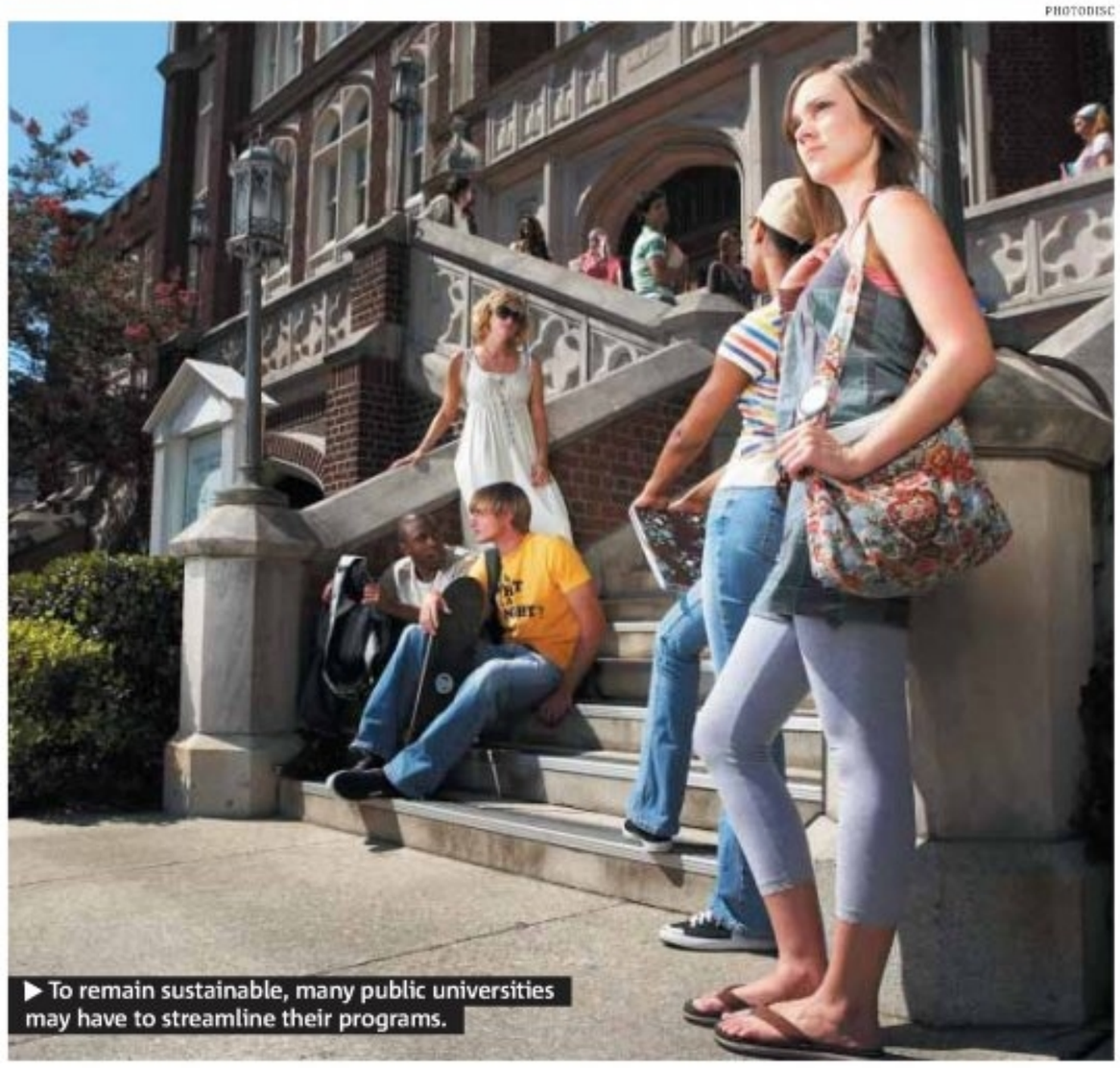
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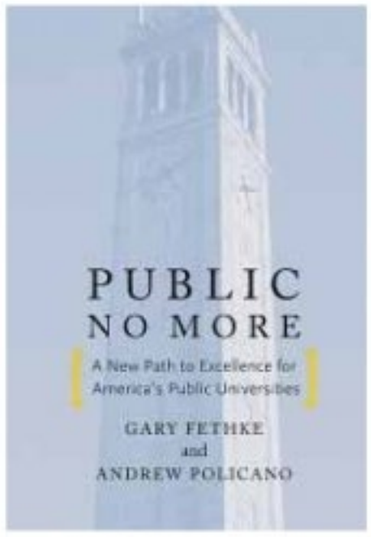
▶ To remain sustainable, many public universities may have to streamline their programs.

Andrew Policano is the dean of the School of Business at University of California-Irvine. His latest book — "Public No More: A New Path to Excellence for America's Public Universities" — was co-authored with former University of Iowa Business School dean, Gary Fethke. It will be released this week by Stanford Business Books.



Do you believe that we are facing the end of publicly funded higher education in the U.S.?
Yes. But what we mean by this is no longer being dependant on the state for the primary source of funding. It does not mean a lack of access or diversity.

You write that a truly public university is no longer sustainable. Is a 35 percent tax rate for the wealthy sustainable? Are these issues related?
Tax rates will have to go up for everyone over the next decade. Those long-term trends are pretty clear. That's the macro. But the micro here is the question of efficiency with most major public universities. For instance, most of them offer at least 80 undergraduate majors. Some offer more than 200. Is that scope efficient in any sense of the word? Our model is a high tuition, high financial aid model, rather than the current low tuition, high subsidy model. Ours is more market-focused, reacting to the needs of the marketplace and the students.

But when we alter public higher education to reflect consumer choices, do we risk having luxury gyms on campuses at the expense of rigorous study?
I think there's some truth to that. But the issue is that somebody's willing to pay for luxury gyms, and it's reflected in the price of their education. But if you're doing a lot of things on public campuses that people are not willing to pay for — taxpayers, students, donors — you have to ask why you're subsidizing it.

Are too many people influencing decisions at public universities?
We have a lot of governance resting with the faculty at the lower levels, and a lot at the board of regents — the higher level — and very little in the middle. That creates havoc with trying to be innovative.

That sounds democratic. Why is that bad?
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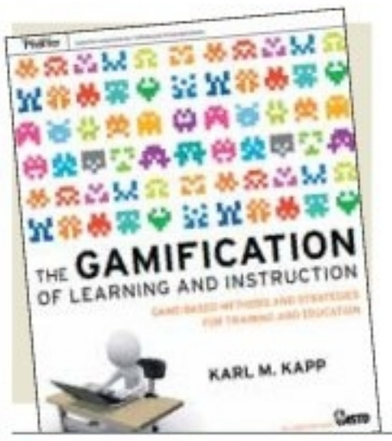

When you open up a new video game, do you read the instructions? Of course not. It's just more fun to jump in and start pressing buttons. And, according to author Karl M. Kapp, that's an instinct that educators should harness.

In his latest book, "The Gamification of Learning and Instruction," Kapp lays out his vision for appropriating the principles of video game design for the classroom. Surprisingly, his theories have little to do with online learning and more to do with the nuts and bolts of the traditional classroom.

Quoted

"When life and death are at stake, we know game environments are the best training."
KARL M. KAPP

"If we're clever about it, we can get to what really matters in games: It gives people a sense of purpose and mission, and it taps into our internal drives to overcome challenges," says Kapp, a professor at Bloomsburg University. "It's about thinking like a game designer. They think challenge first, interactivity first, engagement first. In training, we tend to think content first. But content doesn't mean anything unless it's in a certain context."

For Kapp, at the heart of a well-designed course is providing students with an opportunity to learn as they fail — to throw away the instruction manual and get right to work.

"Recently I oversaw an investigator training class, and the first day they said, 'today we're going to learn the model for investigating,'" explains Kapp. "I think that's a bad model. As soon as the person walks into the class, you should say, 'look, someone's been accused of embezzling $10,000. What are you going to do?'"

Common themes

Kapp has identified four common themes of video game design that can be applied to college-level lesson plans.

1. A challenge put forth at the outset of the course
2. Integration of the student's experience into a narrative
3. Constant feedback on individual progress
4. A freedom to fail without penalty

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IS JUSTIN BIEBER MOVING ON?

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▶ Bieber may be borrowing a new starlet's hair spray.

Justin Bieber activated the equivalent of a rabid tweenage bat signal when he tweeted a cryptic message over the weekend.

"Thank you for the time I had with you but I have to move on now," the pop star posted to his account. This comes after rumors that when visiting the set of girlfriend **Selena Gomez**'s new movie, "Spring Breakers," he fell for her nearly identical co-star, **Vanessa Hudgens**.

For her part, Gomez closed her Instagram account, then took to Facebook with a photo of herself at a shooting range with the ominous caption, "Released some stress today."

Twitter, Instagram, Facebook: Are you following this? Forget that these two are famous — it's nearly impossible for any teenager to get dumped with a little dignity these days. We never thought we'd say this, but long live the days of dial-up AOL in your parents' dining room.

Rough start to Rihanna's week

Bieber isn't the only one going through a rough time on Twitter. After spending Saturday night out in London at Jay-Z and Kanye West's "Watch the Throne" tour, Rihanna effectively live-tweeted her way through the four steps of a hangover on Sunday:

▶ **Denial:** "U know life is great when u wake up at 9 am DRUNK!!!!"

▶ **Recognizing a problem:** "So ummm.... I'm supposed to be on a plane rt now!"

▶ **Hiding and welcoming death:** "That's probably housekeeping in my room right now but I'm just gonna wait til they notice I'm still in my bed and leave"

▶ **Making amends:** "You will be very disappointed to know last night was my final hurrah til my vacation! I ain't about this life"

▶ Rihanna

We'll say it again: We miss the romance of telling this to your toilet in private.

Congrats, Canada

After making headlines for being allowed to strut in the Miss Universe Canada competition, transgender beauty queen **Jenna Talackova** went home without a crown. She did, however, make it into the top 12 on Saturday night and won Miss Congeniality.

The real story here: Canada has 12 hot women. Who knew?

Tribute band: Tag us in!

After **Van Halen** canceled the remainder of their tour on Friday, tribute band Van Halen's Army offered to step in. "They have an obligation to fulfill. ... Somebody signs up to do the job, they should complete it," a guitarist identified as Joe tells TMZ. "We could easily do it — our singer sounds exactly like **David Lee Roth**!"

We're not sure if that's something to brag about, Joe, but we do appreciate a trooper over here.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Bob Newhart still has it, Patton Oswalt is moved by Jagger, Lindsay Lohan is a concerned citizen and Sarah Silverman is over shampoo.

@BobNewhart
After a 50 year career, people do occasionally recognize me. The men think I'm an old army buddy and the women think I'm their first husband

@pattonoswalt
I don't care if Mick Jagger is turning into Lily Tomlin before my eyes, I'll always love him.

@lindsaylohan
La county, tax payer contacting, a light just went out on sunset just by hillcrest #fixit

@SarahKSilverman
It's not my fault if my hair looks better dirty. God obvs has a plan.

Silverman

Talking points

Jackie Chan finally out of energy

With his 100th film debuting at Cannes, **Jackie Chan** is taking the opportunity to announce he's through with action movies. "This will be my last action movie," Chan told reporters while promoting "Chinese Zodiac," his latest work. "I tell you, I am not young anymore. I am really, really tired." But it's not just age or fatigue influencing his decision. "I don't just want to be an action star, I want to be a true actor," he says. "I want to be an Asian **Robert De Niro**. I want to get rid of my image."

▶ Chan

Face to face and made contact

A run-in with a reporter in Moscow got a little too intimate for **Will Smith**, who dodged a kiss on the lips from the Ukrainian man, according to TMZ. After a hug and a peck on the cheek, the man went for more, causing Smith to reel back and exclaim, "Hey man, what the hell is your problem?" Smith then gave the reporter a shove and a backhanded slap across the face. Smith seemed to get over it quickly, though, joking about the incident with the next reporter on the carpet at the "Men in Black 3" Russian premiere. "He tried to kiss me on my mouth," Smith said. "He's lucky I didn't sucker punch him."

Missing Stahl touches base

While actor **Nick Stahl**'s whereabouts are still a mystery, the "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" star has reportedly reached out to friends via e-mail to reassure them that he's alive and well, according to TMZ. Stahl's e-mail didn't address the circumstances behind his disappearance, but it did say that he'll be entering a treatment program and will be unreachable for 30 days.

In the name of money

Thanks to an early investment in Facebook, **Bono** may now be the "richest man in rock," according to Nasdaq. Bono's equity firm, Elevation Partners, bought 2.3 percent of the social network in 2009 for $90 million, and after Friday's initial public offering, that share is now worth $1.5 billion. **Paul McCartney** is the previous "richest man in rock" title-holder, with an estimated worth of $1.05 billion. Of course, Bono has to split his take among Elevation investors, so McCartney may have nothing to worry about.

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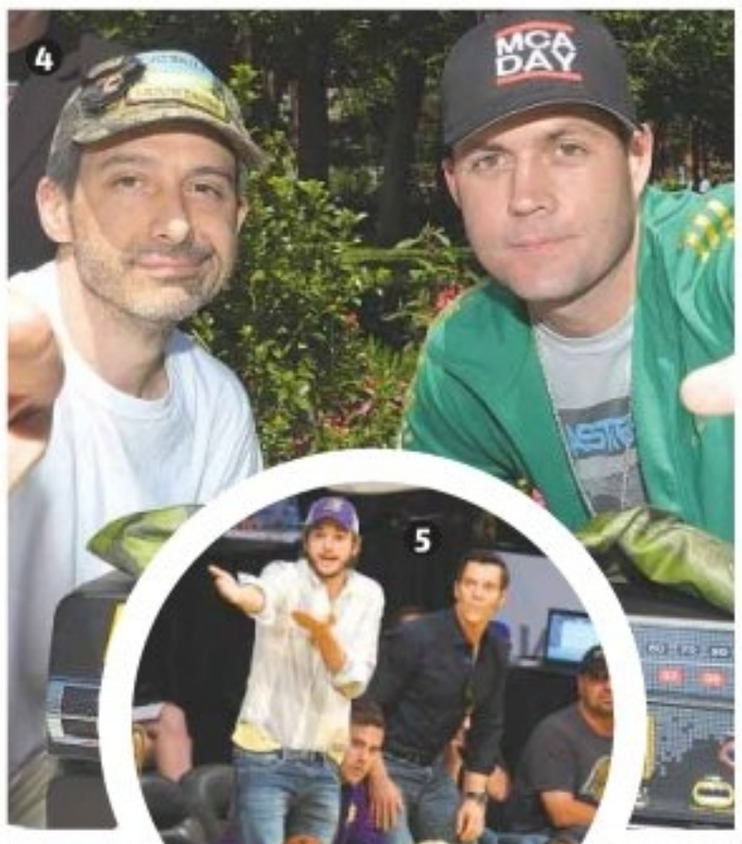
Goodbye Kristen, hello again Lil' Kim

1: Mick Jagger, center, hosted the season finale of "Saturday Night Live" this weekend. In addition to some hilarious sketch work, he churned out some rocking versions of **Rolling Stones** classics with the help of **Foo Fighters** and **Arcade Fire**, left. At the end of the show, the latter band played a medley of "She's a Rainbow" and "Ruby Tuesday" as Jagger announced the departure of star **Kristen Wiig**, right, who graciously shared a dance with some of the co-stars she worked with for seven seasons.

2: Sir Mick wasn't the only Stone who kept things rolling this weekend, as **Ronnie Wood** and **Cyndi Lauper** performed during the Ronnie Wood Alive Party at the 65th annual Cannes Film Festival.

3: What's another word for pirate treasure? That's right: Booty! **Naomi Campbell** walked the catwalk during the "Vogue Italia" fashion show at the Life Ball 2012 AIDS charity fundraiser in Austria on Saturday. Looking good, Naomi! She celebrates her 42nd birthday tomorrow!

4: In bittersweet rap happenings this weekend, Beastie Boy **Adam "Ad-Rock" Horovitz**, left, stepped out to New York City's Union Square to join in on MCA Day, to celebrate the life of his collaborator **Adam "MCA" Yauch**, who died earlier this month. Ad-Rock is pictured with event organizer Michael Kearny.



5: Ashton Kutcher and P90X developer **Tony Horton** got up on their feet on Saturday during Game 4 of the NBA Western Conference semifinals, where the Los Angeles Lakers lost to the Oklahoma City Thunder.

6: Another entertainer who got on her feet this weekend was **Lil' Kim**, who performed her "Return of the Queen" concert at the Paradise Theater in New York City on Friday night. Nicki Minaj, Azealia Banks and Rye Rye, you have been warned.

7: Speaking of a big return, look who else was at Cannes! It's British rocker **Pete Doherty**. Once upon a time he was a mainstay in this column for having very public romantic relationships with both **Kate Moss** and hard drugs. He was on hand on Saturday with **Sylvie Verheyde**, who directed him in the film "Confession of a Child of the Century," where he plays a guy who turns to debauched behavior after his lover betrays him. What a stretch.

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‘House’ closes its doors

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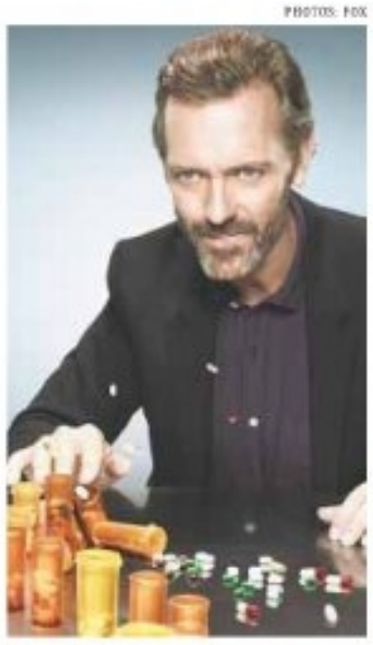

Don’t fear the reaper

Although the series’ final episode is titled “Everybody Dies” — a play on House’s usual motto, “everybody lies” — it’s not necessarily the terminally ill Wilson whose time is up tonight.

For a show that has never played by the reaper’s rules, it seems unlikely that the only consistently likable character will flatline. Now, as for House? That’s a different story.

If you’re one of the dedicated few who have been faithfully showing up to your weekly “House” appointments, you know it’s been amateur hour at Princeton-Plainsboro Teaching Hospital for the past couple of episodes. But with Wilson (Robert Sean Leonard) on his death bed and Dr. House (Hugh Laurie) staring down prison, we’re betting tonight’s finale (at 8 on Fox) will be packed with familiar faces. Here’s who we expect to make an appearance — or at least send flowers.

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Dr. Cuddy

Mark our words: **Lisa Edelstein** has spent the past three months at Pilates for her final pencil-skirt close-up. She may be through with Dr. House, but she’s not through with bending over a too-low desk to sign off on charts.

Chase

Over the past eight seasons, Chase handed in his letter of resignation more often than House quit Vicodin. You can expect **Jesse Spencer** and his soap opera-hot Aussie accent to be back in a white coat tonight.

Kutner

Kal Penn’s character committed suicide when the actor went to work for Obama. But being alive isn’t a prerequisite for a cameo, and these days he only has “Harold & Kumar” commitments.

Amber

Amber’s (**Anne Dudek**) death and follow-up House hauntings didn’t really make sense the first time around in Season 5. But with Wilson dying, an appearance by his ex-wife’s ghost is in order.

Cameron

Jennifer Morrison will be in the building tonight with a pesky dose of morality — although probably not too close to real-life ex-fiance and onscreen ex-husband Jesse Spencer.

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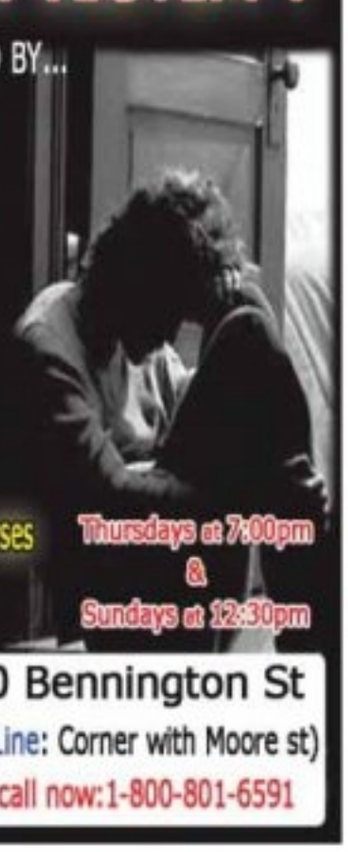

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Footloose and hands-free

Musician Reggie Watts on acting, comedy and shying away from projects that are 'too contract-y'

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▶ Reggie Watts has the look of the quintessential musician/comedian.

Reggie Watts puts on a Bluetooth headset to chat as he drives to LAX. It's comforting that he's chosen to go hands-free, to know he's safe. Except he's not actually driving.

"No, I have a professional to do that," he says, somewhat aghast, like driving the strange L.A. streets is a preposterous idea. "I'm just going hands-free for no reason. I like hands-free."

He's ready to multitask at any moment, because that's how he works: improvising music via good old-fashioned, on-the-spot recording — looping and beat-boxing and riffing in comedic turns.

And it's working for him. This spring, Watts' tour zips through the U.S. His May-released live CD/DVD "Reggie Watts: A Live In Central Park," which premiered on Comedy Central, is joined by a second release, "Reggie Watts Live at Third Man Records," which was recorded at Jack White's Nashville Studio. Next month, he's in the cast of IFC's "Comedy Bang! Bang!" and performs music with "Mad Men" star Jon Hamm, among other things. He just finished a cameo role in Steven Soderbergh's upcoming film "Bitter Pill," too.

"I did a scene with Jude Law. That was very weird, surreal. I was the crazy person on the street yelling," Watts laughs. "I want to do more film. There are a lot of studios asking me if I have any ideas. But I don't want things to be too contract-y. I want things to be simple. I want to just keep doing some fun stuff."

Conan the helper

Watts, a Montana native who cut his performing teeth in Seattle before moving to Brooklyn, got a career leg-up when Conan O'Brien took him under his wing a couple of years ago. "Yeah, he did give me a boost, and that really helps," Watts says. "I just like to tinker around and be happy performing."

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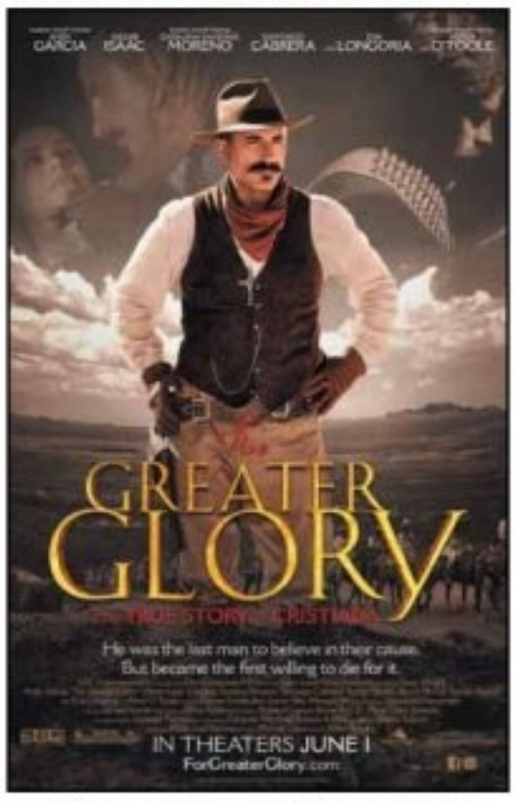
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My guess is that you get anxious in social situations because you fear how people might respond. Perhaps you're afraid of rejection or judgment and you adapt by trying to be like others. Though it may make sense on one level, you're missing out on being you, while others miss out on seeing who you truly are. Follow this exercise taken from my book, "BE FEARLESS: Change Your Life in 28 Days."

1 Before you can be yourself you must know who you are: for example, what you stand for and what makes you tick. Know where you come from and where you're going. How would you describe yourself if someone asked? Be able to give such a description with ease and confidence. Make a list of your convictions, beliefs, passions, values and strengths.

2 Understand the role that hiding behind a mask plays in your life. Are you shy, anxious or unsure? Do you feel inadequate? Or perhaps you are afraid to shine or dislike attention. If so, seek help to address any underlying issues.

3 Practice expressing yourself by writing out your thoughts and feelings, including how you feel about yourself, situations you might experience on a daily basis and people you might encounter during the day. Learn to express yourself clearly.

4 Don't care so much about how others perceive you. The more you do, the more you are trying to fulfill their expectations and not your own.

5 Do away with social comparisons. They only lead to resentment and move you away from being who you truly are.

6 Finally, practice opening up to people you trust by starting a conversation, talking about your day and how you feel. Be honest and forthright when expressing yourself.

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Dog grooming digs its way out of a down economy

According to Wendy Booth of the National Dog Groomers Association of America, only about 5 percent of groomers pursue continuing education to advance themselves.

As of now, pet grooming is still an almost completely unregulated, unlicensed industry. Grooming schools do not offer any official industry certification. However, formal instruction with professional groomers provides a newbie with a leg up on about 95 percent of the competition.

"They had an abundance of dogs that people could work [with] hands-on. I was working on a giant schnauzer, a terrier mix, a Bedlington terrier and a Norwegian duck tolling retriever, all in one week," says Charlotte Reed, who attended the New York School of Dog Grooming and later authored "The Miss Fido Manners Complete Book of Dog Etiquette."

Taking just one course from a reputable school can dissolve common misconceptions, helping students determine if the business is truly for them.

"So many people think that dog groomers get to play with dogs all day. That's not it at all. It's a timed commercial process," Booth says.

But even in a down economy, new grooming businesses continue to sprout up, like a fresh coat of fur.

"In the past, grooming was mostly offered in veterinarian offices with a few professional groomers," explains Reed. "Since the '90s, there's been an influx of doggie day care, home grooming and mobile grooming, and there are still plenty of dogs that need haircuts every month in almost any location."

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▶ Confidence may be the key to advancement.

Female executives still face barriers, some of their own making

A new study examining the career paths of female executives worldwide is set for public consumption this week. "Women in Business: Navigating Career Success" is based on a scholarly study by U.K.-based Ashridge Business School researchers Viki Holton and Fiona Elsa Dent.

The results promise to be eye-opening for women and men alike.

The analysis was culled from a detailed survey completed by over 1,400 women in business management positions, plus face-to-face interviews with 20 female executives.

Surprisingly, the barriers to advancement — and attitudes toward female leadership — were extraordinarily similar. While policies vary wildly from country to country, the level of in-house discrimination endured by women seems to be relatively the same globally, according to this study.

"There was very little difference from any of the cultures: Sri Lanka, the Middle East, China and Europe," says Dent. "They all have their particular approach to women in business. There were differences in the kinds of barriers they faced, but women didn't seem to be faring any better or worse."

Holton and Dent also discovered that woman unnecessarily disqualify themselves from advancement more frequently than men.

"The biggest hindrance to advancement was the woman herself and her self-belief and confidence," says Dent. "When a woman sees a promotion she might go for, she'll look at the key skills and say, 'I don't have all of these, I better develop myself more.' Whereas, typically, a man is more likely to look at the job and go, 'Yeah, I can do most of that. I'll have a go.'"

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Leadership style

According to "Women in Business: Navigating Career Success," women prefer participatory-based leadership. The study found that most women valued the input of their subordinates.

Advice

How to stay positive at work

It's no easy task when your inbox is flooded, your budget keeps shrinking and your boss is breathing down your neck, but if you can find a way to remain positive at your job, you'll see it makes for a completely new environment. Of course, this is easier said than done, but with the right tools you'll be whistling while you work.

"Get out of the office," suggests Kristen Brown, stress coach and founder of Happy Hour Effect LLC. "Don't chain yourself to your desk, go to trade shows or conferences. Go out for a walk on your breaks. Hold conference calls in a different location than your desk. The change of scenery keeps you engaged and gives you a feeling of freedom on the job." Your brain is happier when you're not staring at the same four walls.

Mary Hladio, founder and managing director of Ember Carriers Leadership Group, recommends you "draw positive energy from others." Hladio understands that your co-workers have the ability to forecast your own mood. "Surround yourself with positive people — that can be a boost when you can't do it by yourself."

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Sarah Hathorn, CEO and founder of Illustra Consulting reminds us that "attitude is a choice we make. Your frame of mind is not random; it's a personal decision you make every day." Hathorn imagines the mind as a station. "Turn the dial on the radio of your mind to an upbeat station that plays encouragement, confidence and gratitude. Tune out the agitating gossip, the speculative rumors and the rumblings of dissatisfaction."

Hladio also insists on the importance of random acts of kindness. "We all feel positive when we do something nice for other people," she says. "It contributes to a sense of well-being and overall satisfaction. Plus, it's contagious." JULIA WEST

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While I applaud the athletic efforts of urban bicyclists to make use of human power, I simply cannot understand how these mad dashers arrive to work all sweaty and conduct themselves without offending their co-workers with their noisome body odors. Most employers do not have shower facilities, and even if they do — and maybe call me old-fashioned — how can people walk around with rumpled clothes carried in backpacks or in bike panniers?
STEVEN SCALICI, VIA E-MAIL

"The GOP just voted down a measure to keep you out of indefinite detention without trial, decimating constitutional rights. Are you cool with that?"

CHARLES MICHAEL COUCH, VIA E-MAIL

USPS closings OK, but not on weekends

Closing on Saturday is the worst thing for the USPS to contemplate. Working people who need that post office to buy money orders and mail them out that day, overworked people who couldn't quite get to the post office to mail that important package or letter or payment by Friday will suffer when confronted with a shut-down postal service on Saturday. Why not close on Wednesdays, instead?
D. NAKEEB, VIA E-MAIL

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ANTHONY P. JOHNSON, VIA E-MAIL

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How can you run ads for a known "puppy mill" pet store? I am so disappointed that you would even allow an ad like this to appear in your paper. I know they come with money, but is it worth it? Metro does so well with carrying pet stories about rescues and adoptions that it just doesn't make sense. On one page Metro is advertising "Puppies for Sale," and on the other it's running ASPCA adoption stories about pets that need homes. Come on — stop accepting these awful ads and maybe it will help put just one of these terrible pet stores out of business!
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♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** It behooves you to keep your cool if you start to feel like you're running out of time regarding a matter that you're anxious to finalize. If you blow your stack, you're apt to create additional problems.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Don't let your temper flare if a thoughtless family member doesn't respond as he or she should to a kind deed. Wait to discuss it only after you're in a more tolerant mood.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** There is no reason why you should yield to someone who wants you to loan him or her something that you treasure. If you succumb to this person's pressure, you may be sorry.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** It might be difficult for you to determine what is harassment on your part as opposed to simply aggressiveness. Know the difference, because others most assuredly will.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Although you might have to deal with someone who previously made a bad impression on you, continue to be your own sweet self. You might be surprised how nice he or she is today.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Someone you recently met and whom you like might resent it if she or he feels that you're being possessive. There's no way a friendship can develop if there are overly tight strings attached.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Keep your wits about you in all your one-on-one relationships. This is especially true when dealing with someone who is openly hostile or standoffish.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Even if your way of doing something is far better than others' methods, don't attempt to make people do things your way. Even if they're openly fumbling, wait for others to ask for help.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** It's not the smartest thing in the world to go out with a friend who's a high-roller unless you can afford it. You could easily get caught up in his or her big-spending ways.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Avoid discussing any disagreements with your mate until you can do so privately. A public squabble could be embarrassing — and even invite some unwanted interference.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Just because a job is routine doesn't mean it'll be a cakewalk. If you don't have your mind on what you're doing, a serious gaffe could result. Be careful.

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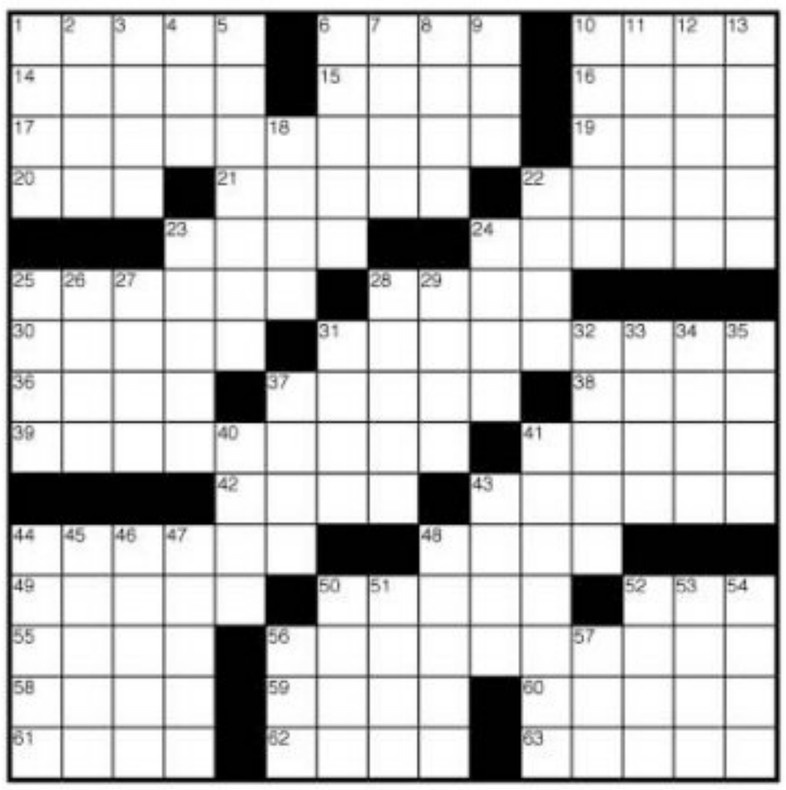

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Pleasant surprise

Celtics picked up journeyman Ryan Hollins in late March Has surpassed expectations Playing vital role in frontcourt this postseason

Ryan Hollins isn't going to make or break the Celtics.

His job, quite simply, is to eat up minutes and provide some length for the Celtics especially when Kevin Garnett needs a breather.

Garnett, the C's best player in the postseason and arguably their MVP throughout the regular season, can't play the entire game, although we wish he could.

That leaves minutes for Hollins and Greg Stiemsma. Stiemsma was the team's go-to backup big for the first half of the year, but Hollins, signed off waivers on March 23, has taken that spot on the depth chart.

Averaging 1.7 rebounds, 0.7 blocks, and 2.0 points in 12.7 minutes per game in the postseason, it's clear that Hollins is nowhere near the top of the C's production chart. But he doesn't have to be. He can contribute in a variety of different ways.

Back on May 11, Celtics head coach Doc Rivers told the press one reason as to why Hollins gets the playing time he does:

"Honestly, he's an irritant. He pisses guys off in practice. He does. He irritates people."

And on Friday, you saw that. In the first quarter, Hollins got tangled up with Sixers youngster Evan Turner after the whistle, refusing to move his elbow away from the neck of Turner. It wasn't dirty, it was just Hollins being Hollins.

It got under Turner's skin, and may have contributed to his atrocious first half of shooting, 2-of-14 from the field.

So, don't expect Hollins to drain jumpers and rip down boards at a rapid pace. But if he can play some head games and help the C's compete without KG, his success will continue.

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The Hollins File

A look at the Celtics backup big man:

Something Bruin Hollins played four years at UCLA. There he also was a standout high jumper for the Bruins track team.

Humble NBA beginnings Was drafted with the 50th pick in the 2006 NBA draft by Charlotte.

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▶ Ryan Hollins has been a welcome addition.

'Heated' talk sparks Sox

The reason for the Red Sox's (20-21) recent hot streak may now just be coming to light. According to FOX Sports, David Ortiz called a players-only meeting the day after Beckett's implosion and the discussions inside the clubhouse turned "heated," according to one anonymous player.

Position players reportedly called out the team's pitching staff, which has been blamed for much of the team's woeful start to the 2012 season. The pitching staff was told to "step it up" by the hitters.

Shockingly enough, Josh Beckett has been one of the catalysts of the team's recent turnaround. He worked 7.2 innings against the Phillies in the Red Sox 5-1 win yesterday, allowing just one earned run on seven hits. METRO/MB

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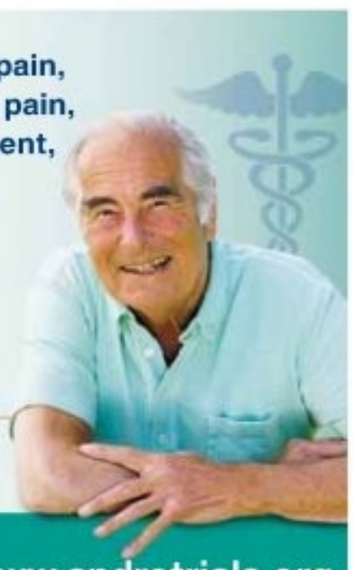

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▶ Rajon Rondo has registered double-digit assists in all four games of the series thus far.

Reverse course

Had the Celtics taken care of business on Friday, they'd be set to clinch the series tonight in Boston. As we're all well aware, they flopped in the second half, and here we are now, all tied up.

Kevin Garnett is the C's most important player going forth, and look no further than the last four games for proof. In the two games that the C's have won, Garnett combined for 56 points, 24 rebounds, 3 blocks, and 3 turnovers. In the two losses, KG has tallied just 24 points, 23 rebounds, 4 blocks, and 11 turnovers. Game 4 was by far his worst performance yet, and for the C's to win tonight (7 p.m., TNT), he'll have to be a bigger part of the offense.

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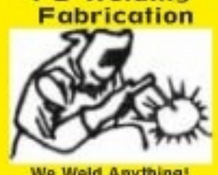

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